

Do you have an interest in healthy forests?

We want you to join a conversation about forest management in Alberta

“Each person’s view is a unique perspective on a larger reality. If I can look out through your view and you through mine, we will each see something we might not have seen alone.”
– Peter Senge

Join the conversation

Tell your story and experiences with ecosystem-based management in Alberta – We want to move beyond the science and understand your experiences and perspectives.

This is not your typical workshop.

This event is not for spectators. Prepare to hear from others and share your perspective and experience. Through professionally-facilitated sessions, the Healthy Landscapes Program at fRI Research aims to openly explore the barriers and opportunities to applying ecosystem-based management in Alberta. **We want you to do be part of it.**

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who cares about how forest landscapes are managed in Alberta.

- Academics
- ENGOS
- Indigenous leaders
- Industry
- Private organizations
- Retired practitioners
- Senior government managers

Why Attend?

- Contribute perspectives and ideas to the discussion
- Hear a range of views from diverse stakeholders
- Network with peers and colleagues

Locations and Dates

Athabasca	May 30/17
Grande Prairie	Sept. 12/17
Calgary	Oct. 25/17
Edmonton	Dec. 12/17

We want to hear from you

Share your perspective on EBM and your experiences managing forest landscapes.

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Space is limited to 50 people per session. RSVP now and secure your spot!

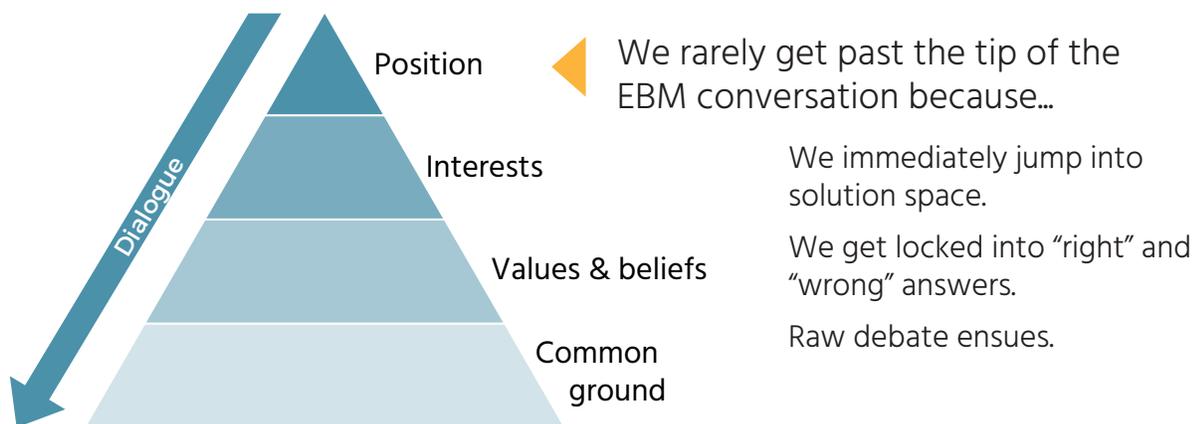
What are the Goals? What can you Expect?

Why Now?

Forest management has never been simple. However, the introduction of a new idea like ecosystem-based management (EBM) has complicated things to the point where it has become difficult to identify the source(s) of either support or opposition. This makes it extremely difficult to have a meaningful conversation about challenges and opportunities of a new idea like EBM.

Why Dialogue?

Too often we attend workshops and meetings, hear from a group of experts and head back to our offices. This traditional approach all but ensures that some voices are heard while others are not. A dialogue is different. It's about sharing experiences and perspectives in a way that fosters discussion and the generation of new ideas.



What is the Goal and the Intended Outcome?

Our goal is to create an atmosphere in which rich discussion and sharing of ideas can occur. More specifically we hope to:

1. Hear from a range of stakeholders and capture a diversity of views and perspectives.
2. Test a new approach to engagement that encourages discussion to move beyond simply sharing positions, to identifying common ground around forest management in Alberta.
3. Develop an inventory of barriers, opportunities and knowledge gaps that are identified by stakeholders. This inventory will be used to develop a synthesis paper that could be used to inform new research, case studies, public outreach products or field trials.

Meet the Team



Jules Leboeuf

Jules is a professional facilitator with an interest in building trust and productive relationships between individuals with diverse backgrounds. For Jules, this project offers the opportunity to start a new conversation about how we can work together in managing sustainable forests in Alberta, and in doing so build trust and shared understanding.

Matthew Pyper

As a forest ecologist and science communicator, Matthew is passionate about bringing people together to advance environmental performance in forestry and land restoration. His core interest in this project is hearing from a range of stakeholders and creating a road-map of barriers and opportunities related to ecosystem-based management.



David Andison

Dave is a scientist with a deep interest in the philosophical shift and potential degree of change represented by ecosystem-based management. He sees meaningful engagement as the key missing ingredient to explore ecosystem-based management's full potential. Dave hopes these sessions can help us understand if, or in what way, we might use dialogue as a new tool to help explore ecosystem-based management's full potential.



John Parkins

John is a Professor at the University of Alberta with a long-term interest in public engagement in forest management. This project offers a unique opportunity to study 'science dialogues' as a strategy for improved understanding and management of ecosystems in Alberta.



Proposed Agenda

8:00 Registration & Coffee

8:30 Welcome & Opening Remarks: Why this dialogue and why now?

We will start the dialogue with informal discussion, inviting participants to share why they came and what they hope to get out of the session.

9:30 Introduction to Ecosystem-Based Management and Sharing Perspectives

We will have a brief presentation to introduce how ecosystem-based management has been applied to date, drawing on examples from forestry, watershed management, and grassland management.

Participants will then have the opportunity to participate in a conversation where they can share their experience and perspectives related to ecosystem-based management as an approach to forest management.

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 Lessons from Nature Videos: Focused Conversations

Short videos will be presented from the [Lessons from Nature](#) video series. Participants will form groups at each table and discuss their reactions and takeaways from the videos, drawing on their experiences and perspectives.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Knowledge Exchange Activity

Participants will explore challenges and opportunities facing ecosystem-based management as an approach to forest management through a series of group conversations. Conversations will be structured around the following questions:

1. What do you think are the most interesting challenges facing ecosystem-based management today?
2. What do you believe are some of the factors behind these challenges?
3. How can we address these challenges? (Bonus round – What new challenges should we anticipate in the next few years?)

3:30 Coffee Break

4:00 Knowledge Exchange Activity Debrief & Closing Conversation

5:00 Adjourned